(d) Disciplinary proceedings against the pilots have since been initiated as per relevant provisions of the company. In addition, Air India Express Management have decided to maintain closer contact with the pilots to avoid sudden recurrence of such an incident.

Charges for using AI and IA'S infrastructure

1591. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aviation infrastructure of Indian Airlines and Air India is being used by our Armed Forces also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies are charging for their services extended to the Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Both Air India and Indian Airlines provide services of transportation, engineering maintenance, ground handling etc. to the Armed Forces depending on their requirements from time to time.

(c) and (d) The charges for services rendered are billed to the concerned organization at agreed rate/current applicable rate, as the case may be.

Upgradation of Hubli Airport

1592. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 2 crore was sanctioned to Hubli Airport for setting up of Night Landing and Refuelling facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has since started Night Landing facilities at Hubli Airport;

(c) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the Hubli Airport to a full-fledged airport; and